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SUBJECT: CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY FOR AEGEAN 4TH ARMY
1. AT A CEREMONY ON AUGUST 24 AT NARLIDERE, NEAR IZMIR,
GENERAL TURGUT SUNALP TURNED COMMAND OF THE AEGEAN FOURTH ARMY
OVER TO GENERAL KENAN EVREN. (AEGEAN ARMY RECENTLY RELOCATED
ITS HQS FROM BORNOVA TO NARLIDERE.) DIGNITARIES PRESENT AT
THE CEREMONY INCLUDED IZMIR'S GOVERNOR TURGUT EGILMEZ, IZMIR
MAYOR IHSAN ALYANAK, PRESIDENT OF THE IZMIR PRESS ASSOCIATION
SABRI SUPHANDAGLI, MAJOR GENERAL J.B. VAUGHT (AMERICAN CHIEF

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OF STAFF OF NATO LANDSOUTHEAST REPRESENTING LSE COMMANDING
GENERAL KNOWLTON), TURKISH GENERALS AND ADMIRALS, AND
VARIOUS PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES. WE UNAWARE
OF ANY NON-TURKS OTHER THAN SENIOR NATO OFFICERS WHO WERE
INVITED TO THE CEREMONY.
2. AS REPORTED IN THE PRESS SUNALP'S FAREWELL SPEECH WAS VERY
GENERAL, REFERRING TO HIS 40 YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE TURKISH
MILITARY (SINCE AUGUST 30, 1936) AND THANKING FELLOW OFFICERS
AND CITIZENS OF IZMIR FOR THEIR HELP AND COOPERATION. EVREN'S
SPEECH NOTED READINESS OF THE AEGEAN ARMY TO MEET WHATEVER
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RESPONSIBILITIES GIVEN IT AND PLACED BLAME FOR THE "TENSE

SPEUATION" IN THE AEGEAN ON "THE OTHER PARTY".

3. GEN. EVREN REPORTEDLY WAS BORN (AT ALASEHIR, MANISA PROVINCE) IN 1918, FINISHED WAR SCHOOL IN 1938, GRADUATED FROM ARTILLERY SCHOOL IN 1940 AND FROM THE GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE IN 1949. IN 1974 HE WAS APPOINTED CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE TURKISH LAND FORCES COMMAND AND PROMOTED CONCURRENTLY TO 4-STAR GENERAL, AND IN 1975 HE BECAME ASSISTANT CHIEF OF THE TURKISH GENERAL STAFF. HE SPEAKS ENGLISH, IS MARRIED AND HAS 2 CHILDREN.

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